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GRANITE STATE

REPUBLICANS AS STEADFAST AS THE GRANITE IN THEIR HILLS.

The Declaration of Principles Made in Convention at Concord Yesterday—They Indorse the National Seminars-A Ringing Platform.

CONCORD, September 7.—The Republican State Convention met to-day, Daniel Sargent being chosen President. In his speech he said: "Eliminate the frauds and corruption of New York City from the vote of the Empire State and there is not a vote of the Empire State that is not a vote for the Republican party."

The resolutions adopted are as follows: The Republican party of New Hampshire, believing in the extension of slavery; put the slaveholder's rebellion; saved the Union of the States; abolished human bondage; decreed manhood and protected the National domain, of the Republic before law to all citizens and a true belief to every voter, and opposing the Democratic party which made itself the defender of slavery; and prolonged the war for the Union; resisted emancipation and free suffrage, and made itself an ally of terrorism and murder as the means of suppression of all free suffrage at the North, hereby declare its opposition to the opening of the political campaign in the State.

First.—That we approve of the nomination and platform adopted by the Republican National Convention.

Second.—That the National Republican Convention be urged to complete the party is secured by its citizens in free enjoyment of all their civil, political and public rights, to be not only theoretically conceded, but actually and fully exercised in every part of the Union, and that for every violation of this solemn obligation of the Government to put into immediate and vigorous exercise all its constitutional powers, and that we imperatively demand that Congress and the Chief Executive, whose contracts and duties to the people shall not fall until these rights are placed beyond dispute or reproach.

Third.—That if any State shall attempt to limit or abridge directly or indirectly the freedom of a citizen or its citizens to vote, to provide for universal education, shall impede or destroy by legislation, intimidation or fraud, exercise of the right of suffrage either for National or State officers; shall overcome lawful majorities by turbulent, armed or rebellious minorities; shall adopt or tolerate oppression, terrorism, whippings or murder as election practice, or omit to enact or enforce laws for the punishment of such crimes; in any and all of these cases we demand the active interference of the Republican party, and the adoption of original amendments.

Fourth.—That the party that has maintained the financial integrity of the Republic by the resumption of specie payments and the honest discharge of all liabilities, and the adoption of original amendments to the Constitution, should not be repudiated by the party which has done all in its power to defame the Republic and to throw a perpetual blot on the industry and property of the nation.

Fifth.—That we point with pride to the present Republican National administration, and congratulate the country on its financial success and its national stability, and its public duties in spite of the systematic opposition of the Democratic Senate and House of Representatives.

Sixth.—That in the nomination of James A. Garfield for President, the Republican party presents for the consideration of the American people a brave and successful General and a tried and experienced statesman, whose integrity and ability have won not only the admiration and confidence of his political associates, but of the nation at large, and who, as a candidate for Vice President, we have an eminent citizen of New York whose patriotism, honesty and business capacity are unsurpassed, and we pledge them our hearty and enthusiastic support.

NATIONAL CAPITAL NOTES.
WASH. D.C., September 7.—It was stated last night on authority that the successor to General Meyer had been found in the person of General Nelson A. Miles. The appointment was determined upon at the instance of General Sherman, who, as well known, is a relative by marriage of General Miles, and who has been already advancing the latter's interests. It is also stated that Mr. Hayes and General Sherman had a conference before the former left for the West, at which time it was decided that General Miles should have the place. The officer which rumor thus assigns to the head of the national service has been twenty years in the army, and has been brought into the present prominence through the war with the Indians. The selection would be creditable in every way.

NATIONAL NOTES.

OCCURRENCES OF INTEREST ALL OVER THE COUNTRY.

Meeting of Railroad Managers—Keboes of the Recent Storms—Violent Death in Water-Tank—On Varied Topics—The Telegraphers, etc.

RESTORATION OF TARIFF RATES.

Action of the Representatives of the Trunk Line Railroads.

NEW YORK, September 7.—Railroad Commissioner Pink furnishes the following: The trunk line executives, in full meeting, have this day agreed for themselves, and the trunk line executive committee at a subsequent full meeting, and acting as a standing committee for the joint executive committee, have agreed on and here by direct the immediate restoration and strict maintenance of all East bound rates to full tariff prices on all classes of freight, including hogs, sheep, all live stock and dressed beef. Please so order and enforce once and permanently notify all shippers accordingly. We hereby notify you that our companies will not participate in any rates offered after to-day at less than the full printed tariff on the ocean basis as agreed, and will set up through rates and proportions on our lines to correspond, and will not refund upon special arrangements said to have been heretofore made, except by voucher showing direct requiring such allowance; but vouchers will not be paid or allowed by us till the Commissioner first examines, certifies and approves them. Such agreement must be filed in the office of the Commissioner immediately, but in no case later than Wednesday morning, the 14th inst.

Pennsylvania Railroad.
J. H. BURTCH,
New York Central.
J. M. KINO, Jr.,
Baltimore and Ohio.
J. S. SARGENT,
Grand Trunk.
G. R. BLANCHARD,
Erie Railroad.

A HARD-HEADED FATHER.

And a Wayward Son—Particulars of the Afflicting Suicide of Young Miller at Columbus.

COLUMBUS, September 6.—Chas. Miller, son of ex-Senator Miller, of this city, was stricken this evening charged with having forged his father's name to two checks aggregating \$80. Young Miller was found at his house in a semi-unconscious condition, having taken four grains of morphine early in the afternoon with suicidal intent. A physician was summoned, and has been in constant attendance since the arrest. Young Miller a few years ago abandoned the practice of law and entered into the business of a farmer, fighting the tiger and attending horse races. He returned a day or two ago from the races at Chicago, Buffalo and Cleveland, having lost heavily.

The scene at the city prison at midnight is one of distressing sadness and sorrow. The young wife with tearful eyes and pleading voice endeavoring to find some recognition from his eyes, but up to midnight nothing but a faint hope of his recovery. His father, who is a man of great refinement and noble character, is now in the city, and is doing all in his power to secure the release of his son. He is now in the city, and is doing all in his power to secure the release of his son.

COLLIDED WITH AN ICEBERG.

A Ship in the Straits of Belle Isle Bumps Against an Ice Monster of the Month.

MONTREAL, September 6.—The steamer Harworth, with 3,000 steel rails from Barrow, in James, John Anderson, master, was in collision with a huge iceberg in the Straits of Belle Isle, on Sunday night, the 29th ult., smashing a hole in her bow some twenty feet in width, breaking her stem to atoms and giving her an involuntary deck load of ice, which toppled over upon her from the iceberg, and threatened to sink her by sheer weight. She careened so much that her stern was lifted high up out of the water and threatened to pitch her bow foremost into the depths. All was confusion in a moment, as the collision was unlooked for, owing to the night being clear and starlight. An examination showed that the iceberg, they believed it to be, a part of the overhanging clouds, and when the crash came two of them were thrown into the water. Boats were lowered, manned and in readiness to leave the vessel. An examination showed that the iceberg, they believed it to be, a part of the overhanging clouds, and when the crash came two of them were thrown into the water. Boats were lowered, manned and in readiness to leave the vessel.

CUBERLAND, MD.

Lighting of the Fires in a New Glass Works—English Opera.

CUMBERLAND, Md., September 6.—Fire was lighted in the furnace at the Warren Glass Company's works, this city, this afternoon by a little son of Mr. L. P. Whiteman, the superintendent. A number of ladies and gentlemen were present by invitation and the occasion was a very pleasant one. The company are engaged in making a switch from the works to the Baltimore and Ohio railroad.

A Leap Into the Niagara.

NIAGARA FALLS, N. Y., September 7.—Last night W. J. Knapp, of Utica, committed suicide by jumping into the Niagara river. He deliberately took off his outer clothing and then plunged into the rapids just above the Falls, on the American side. The only witness was a young lady. The body has not yet been recovered.

Bonneting the Bible.

MAKINTIRE, Mich., September 7.—At a meeting of the citizens of this city to-night a resolution was adopted by a majority of sixty of the votes cast ordering the discontinuance of the reading of the Bible in the public schools.

Base Ball Yesterday.

AT CLEVELAND.—Morning game, Cincinnati, 3; Cleveland, 3; afternoon game, Cleveland, 6; Cincinnati, 4.

And went by night to the home of a lady in the neighborhood whose name we failed to learn, and whose husband was absent at the time. The lady was thought to have \$100 and the desperado wanted it. A peddler had stopped at the house in the evening and obtained permission to sleep in the barn. The Goodrich women entered the house and attacked the woman who had been sleeping in the barn. The peddler from the barn with a pistol. He at once opened fire upon the assassins, killing one instantly and wounding the other. The lady of the house died from her wounds before the arrival of her husband.

Severe Storm at Petersburg.

PETERSBURG, Va., September 7.—This city and vicinity was visited last night by the heaviest rain storm that has occurred here in many months. The rain fell in torrents, accompanied by heavy thunder and vivid flashes of lightning. Several persons were severely injured. The telephone wires were blown down into the street. The Presbyterian Church was badly injured. The Western Union telegraph office was struck and a number of employees harmfully stunned. Mr. A. Archer, a bookkeeper, in the Bank of Petersburg, while writing, was knocked down by his seat and stunned, the pen in his hand being melted. A number of houses in the lower portion of the city were flooded and trees uprooted. The rain in adjacent counties was very heavy. The roads were badly washed.

Going to the Fair.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., September 7.—John H. Rice, Editor of the Fort Scott (Kansas) Monitor, and General Agent of the Western National Fair Association, has completed arrangements for a trip of an excursion to the Kansas fair, to be held at Bi-Marck Grove, Kansas. The party will consist of forty prominent citizens of the West, and will include Messrs. Hilton and Hulton of the British Parliament. The Pennsylvania Railroad Company will furnish free transportation to the party over the entire route, and a Pullman car will also be furnished by the Pullman Company. The train leaves Jersey City Wednesday morning, and goes via Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Indianapolis and St. Louis stopping over one day in the latter city.

Additional Disasters on the Florida Coast.

SAVANNAH, Ga., September 7.—Specials to the New report additional disasters on the Florida coast. The schooner Rosa Eppinger, from Cedar Keys for New York, is a total wreck, and the first mate, Joe Bayles, lost. The brig Scott Freese, from Apalachicola for Philadelphia, was stranded and two other vessels, names unknown, were wrecked. The schooner, crew still aboard. A large portion of the bottom of a ship, newly coppered, apparently a vessel of 2,000 tons, and a lot of mahogany, came ashore yesterday at St. John's bar.

Freight Trains Wrecked.

STAMFORD, Conn., September 7.—As one freight train was passing another last night the wheels of the depot, one of the cars on the down track broke and the car falling on the up track was struck by the locomotive of the train passing in the opposite direction. The car was badly damaged and the locomotive was badly damaged. No person was seriously injured. All trains both ways were delayed five hours. The wrecking train is now at work clearing up.

A West Virginian Promoted.

WASHINGTON, September 7.—Orders will be issued next week from the War Office announcing the following promotions: Capt. Charles McClure, of Pennsylvania, to be paymaster, with the rank of major; Gen. John S. Wither, of West Virginia, to be paymaster with the rank of major; First Lieut. John J. Clough, of Minnesota, to be captain substance department, vice M. S. McClure, promoted.

A Natural Disposition.

GALVESTON, September 6.—A New special from Navasota says: A man named Peoples who was returning from Melican, where he had sold some cotton, was waylaid, killed and robbed by one Tallistero, a negro. Tallistero was captured near Independence, and while on the way back some men disguised, overpowered the guard and carried off the prisoner. It is supposed he was lynched.

Important Postal Arrangement.

NEW YORK, September 6.—Postmaster James has arranged with the owners of the Trans-Pacific steamship line, running from San Francisco, to change the hours of sailing of their vessels from 12 noon to 2 p. m. for the receipt of mails from the east arriving at San Francisco on the day of sailing. This will allow ample time for the trans-shipment of mails for China, Japan, Australia and other countries.

Chief of Police to be Reinstated.

ST. LOUIS, September 7.—A dispatch from Los Pinos Agency, Colorado, via Lake City, Colorado, September 7th, says that at the request of the [unclear] [unclear], the body of Chief Gurley will be exhumed and brought back to St. Louis. They also request that he be given Christian burial with appropriate ceremonies.

Cincinnati Again in Luck.

CINCINNATI, September 7.—The announcement is made that another citizen of Cincinnati has made a munificent donation to the city. The name of the donor and terms of the gift will be made known at the opening of the Exposition to-morrow night. The gift is said to be \$300,000 for the purpose of founding an art gallery, and Mr. Heben Springer is believed to be the man.

Why a War Vessel Was Not Sent.

WASHINGTON, September 7.—Secretary Thompson says, in relation to the proposition to send a man-of-war for the remains of the late Gen. Torbert, that the remains could be brought by mail much quicker than by a war vessel. The nearest United States vessel lies at Hampton Roads, and it would take probably four or five days to reach St. Augustine.

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THE CORNER STONE

OF THE FOUNDATION OF THE SOLID NORTH.

Laid in Vermont Yesterday—The Superstructure will be Erected in November—Republicans Hold an Election in the Green Mountain State.

MOUNTAINERS ARE ALWAYS FREE.

The Result of the Vermont Election Shows that the Green Mountain Boys are No Exception to the Rule.

BOSTON, Mass., September 7.—Advice from Vermont this morning indicate that in the election to-day the State will be as fully Republican as it was two years ago, and it is safe to estimate a majority of 25,000 against 23,836 of 1878. The canvass has been a most spirited one on both sides. The Republicans, of course, have made the best fight and have had the most effective and determined speakers. A week ago the Democrats lost heart and courage on account of the unpopular antecedents of their candidate, and the closing notes of the campaign on their side were more demonstrative than hearty. In the vicinity of Rutland the vote will be larger than ever before, with a handsome gain predicted for the Republicans. Burlington will give a margin for the Republican candidate, and may hold its own on the vote. At Middlebury, the home of Phillips, the Democratic candidate, it is thought he will run ahead of his own ticket. Increased Republican nomination for Representative in the sections around South Royalton, Manchester, Ludlow, Island Pond, Newport, Vergennes and in Bennington and other counties. An exciting election is in progress in the large cities, and unless the Democrats can reduce the Republican majority of two years ago the effect will be very discouraging.

Burlington, Vt., September 7.—There is intense excitement here and a full vote is being polled. There is every indication of a large Republican majority in this city. In the country towns voting does not commence till about two o'clock.

BENNINGTON, September 7.—A much lighter vote is now polled than expected in this town and in the county, so far as heard from. South, the Senator, and the Sheriff, on the Republican ticket, are running behind, but the indications are the Republicans will win. Col. Joyce, for Congress, is running ahead of the State ticket. In Bennington the Republican majority is estimated at 1,000. The vote will hardly indicate as heavy a majority as in 1878, when the county stood Republican by 836.

A DECREASED VOTE.

BRATTLEBORO, Vt., September 7.—Notwithstanding the hard campaign vote returns show 300 less votes polled than on the check list, and the Republican majority falls off 64 from four years ago. Farman receiving 946 and Phelps 290, a gain of 31 for the Republicans and 20 for the Democrats.

Tyler, candidate for Congress in the Second District, received 651 votes as against upwards of 900 in 1878. Tyler's vote in the county is materially increased, though he runs behind the ticket in every town.

A PRETTY RESPECTABLE MAJORITY FOR A SMALL STATE.

ROSELAND, Vt., September 7.—Roland gave Farman 1,897, Phelps 1,148, Heath 26; a net gain over 1878 of 73, over 1878 of 354. Returns from seventy-one towns, about one-third of the State, show a Republican gain over 1878 of 2,082. This ratio throughout the State will give over 20,000 Republican majority in the State.

BURLINGTON, September 7.—Returns from the counties of the State are very much in point to the election of the Republican ticket by a slightly increased majority over the vote of 1878.

RETURNS FROM ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVEN TOWNS.

WHITE RIVER JUNCTION, September 7.—Returns of the election are coming in as rapidly as can be expected. One hundred and eleven towns have given the following vote: In 1876—Farman, Rep., 25,383; Bingham, Dem., 11,670. In 1880—Farman, Rep., 25,372; Bingham, Dem., 11,677; Heath, Greenback, 802. Republican gain, 1,179.

Demographic gain 7. Congressional vote in First District: Joyce, Republican, 8,445; Phelps, Greenback, 3,710; Martin, Greenback, 35. Second District: Tyler, Republican, 9,285; Campbell, Democrat, 4,001; scattering 391. Third District: Grant, Republican, 5,180; Carrier, Democrat, 2,691; Tarble, Greenback, 323. Returns from the counties of the State are very much in point to the election of the Republican ticket by a slightly increased majority over the vote of 1878.

THE REPUBLICAN MAJORITY IS LARGELY INCREASED.

MONTPELIER, September 7.—Returns from this district show Randall far behind his ticket for Congress. The Republicans are gaining in the large towns along the line of the railroad. Joyce is undoubtedly elected by a largely increased majority.

BENNINGTON, September 7.—The election has been quiet in Bennington to-day. Abbott, Republican Representative, is elected by a majority of 108 against 101 Republican majority in '78. In Pownall great excitement prevailed, and the presiding officer has looked up the ballots and will not count till morning.

The returns from several principal towns of seventeen comprised in Bennington county, give Farman 1,769, Phelps 1,138—a Republican majority of 631, being an increase on the Republican majority of 244 per cent. Upon this basis the Republicans will go on to Bennington county with 1,046 majority as against 836 two years ago. Congressman Joyce in seven towns has 1,770 and Randall, Democrat, 1,022, a Republican majority of 668. This county elects fifteen Republican representatives out of seventeen. Republican gain of three over 1878.

AN UNFORTUNATE SPLIT.

BELLEVILLE FALLS, September 7.—In Rock-hill, owing to the split of the Republicans, the Democrats elected their Representative, Chas. Smith. Vote for Governor: Farman, 440; Phelps, 354. Vote for Congress: Tyler, 410; Campbell, 344. All towns yet heard from in this vicinity give an average increase of one-fourth of the number of votes cast over 2 years ago, and show an average of a slight Republican gain.

THE LATEST.

WHITE RIVER JUNCT., Sept. 8, 3 A. M.—Returns from 151 towns give the following result: Farman, Rep., 34,602; Phelps, Dem., 15,800; Heath, Greenback, 1,078—Republican majority 17,794. The same towns gave in 78, Rep. 32,479; Bingham, Dem., 14,803; Republican gain 28.

The First District Congressional vote so far heard from, Joyce, Republican, 8,998;

Randall, Democrat, 3,988; Martin, Greenback, 35.

Second District—Tyler, Republican, 10,946; Campbell, Democrat, 4,345; Mead, 437.

Third District—Grant, Republican, 8,102; Carrier, Democrat, 4,127; Tarble, 320; scattering, 168.

Members of the Legislature—Republicans, 131; Democrats, 10.

MARION COUNTY.

Republican Convention—Nominations for the Various Offices.

FAIRMONT, September 7.

Special report for the Intelligencer.

The Marion County Republican Convention was held here to-day, ex-Governor F. H. Peipert presiding. The following ticket was placed in nomination: Sheriff—Capt. A. N. Pritchard. Prosecuting Attorney—Thos. H. B. Steggers.

Senator—Asbury Stevens.

President of Congress—D. S. Helmick.

House of Delegates—T. W. Fleming and Dr. R. W. Hall.

Senate—James H. Farber.

The convention was one of the largest, most harmonious and enthusiastic ever held in the county.

In the afternoon an outdoor meeting was held at the speakers' stand, adjoining the Court House, which was addressed by W. W. Campbell, of the Wheeling Intelligencer. At the conclusion of Mr. C's address he was greeted with three rousing cheers. Three cheers were also given for the ticket nominated.

The Republicans of old Marion are full of the earnestness that characterizes the best of all parties in this region, and on the 12th day of October next they will roll up an old time Republican majority.

REPORTER.

CONGRESSIONAL NOMINATIONS.

Another Epidemic of District Conventions.

CONCORD, N. H., September 7.—The Third District Republicans re-nominated Everts W. Tarr.

LYONS, N. Y., September 7.—The Republicans of the Twenty-sixth district re-nominated John H. Camp for Congress.

HARTFORD, Conn., September 7.—The Republicans of the First Congressional District nominated John R. Back. General Hawley declined a re-nomination.

The Georgia Republicans Abandon the Field.

ATLANTA, September 7.—The Republican State Convention was excited all day trying to determine what policy should be adopted in the present State campaign. An effort to endorse Norwood for Governor was overwhelmingly defeated, and a resolution passed declaring it inexpedient to nominate a candidate for Governor or other officers.

Gen. Torbert's Remains.

WASHINGTON, September 7.—A dispatch received from General F. T. Dent, in command of the military post at St. Augustine yesterday, stated that the quarantine authorities there would not deliver the remains of the late Gen. Torbert, a victim of the Vera Cruz disaster, until frost. Exactly what objection could be raised against the removal of the remains was not plain to the authorities here, as Gen. Torbert met his death by drowning. Dr. Turner, of the National Board of Health, was informed of the contents of General Dent's dispatch last evening, and though he telegraphed to the health officer at St. Augustine, that, in his opinion, there would be no danger in permitting the remains to be removed.

The Louisville Exposition.

LOUISVILLE, September 7.—The eighth annual industrial exposition was opened this evening with a grand concert under the direction of Prof. Elchorn. At 8 o'clock a band of 20 performers opened with Pique's march. The machinery was put in motion, the fountains began to play and the first evening's entertainment began. The scene was very brilliant, the superb decorations, electric lights and large fashionable crowd added much to the interest of the occasion.

Fuller Returns from Arkansas.

LITTLE ROCK, September 7.—Partial returns from a number of counties indicate the election of Churchill, Democrat, over Parks, Greenbacker, by a majority ranging between 40,000 to 50,000 from the returns as estimated by these best informed.

It is believed the proposed constitutional amendment providing certain State bonds will fail to receive a majority of all the votes cast as required by the Constitution to insure its adoption. Rufus (Harland) Greenback, brother-in-law of the late Senator Greenback, has announced himself as a candidate for Congress in the Second District.

Army Officers on Leave of Absence.

WASHINGTON, September 7.—By direction of the Secretary of War, and under paragraph 181 of the revised United States army regulations of 1861, leave of absence for three months, to take effect from the date of being relieved from duty at the United States Military Academy, is granted the following named officers: Second Lieutenant O. M. Carter, corps of engineers; Second Lieutenant G. W. Goshall, corps of engineers; Second Lieutenant F. S. Strong, Fourth artillery; Second D. L. Tate, First artillery; Second Lieutenant F. J. Carr, Twelfth Infantry.

The Presidential Party in Nevada.

RENO, Nev., September 7.—The President and party arrived here at 12 o'clock, and left for Virginia City at 12.30. A great crowd was at the depot, a band was playing and flags were flying. The President made a brief speech from the hotel balcony, and he was followed by General Sherman and Secretary Ramsey, who each spoke a few minutes. Much enthusiasm was manifested.

By the Kerosene Route.

TRITONVILLE, Pa., September 7.—Two children, Jessie Hill and Carrie Beers, aged respectively eight and five years, were probably fatally burned in this city this afternoon, while the eldest was endeavoring to kindle a fire in the stove with kerosene. The children are suffering the most intense agony, the skin on the lower part of their bodies being burned to a crisp.

A Telegraph Company's Dividend.

NEW YORK, September 7.—At the meeting of the Board of trustees of the Atlantic and Pacific Telegraph Company, to-day a dividend of three-quarters per cent was declared for the quarter ending August 31st.

VICTORIA TALKS

TO THE LORDS AND COMMONS AND SENDS THEM HOME.

Prorogation of the British Parliament Yesterday—The Royal Commissioners Read the Queen's Address to the Body—Full Text of the Speech.

LONDON, September 7.—Parliament was prorogued to-day. The following was Her Majesty's speech, as read by the Royal Commissioners:

My Lords and Gentlemen:—It is with satisfaction I find myself at length enabled to release you from your arduous labors. I continue to receive assurances of the most friendly character from all foreign Powers. The failure of the Sublime Porte to execute according to its engagements the plans agreed upon, in April last, for the settlement of the Ottoman frontier, lying towards Montenegro, has caused unfortunate delays in the settlement of that question, and the treaty of Berlin has not yet taken effect. In other points of importance which remained open at the commencement of the session, the arrangements which were made in that treaty have been communicated to the Sultan for judgment on the means of bringing to a satisfactory settlement the Greek and Montenegrin frontier questions. On administrative organization of the European provinces of Turkey, and on the principal reforms required in the Asiatic provinces inhabited by Americans for the attainment of objects in view, I continue to place reliance on the wisdom and ability of the British Government, which has been steadily maintained in regard to the Eastern question, and that the Powers which signed the treaty of Berlin are pressing upon the Sublime Porte with all the authority which belongs to their united action, to secure the execution of the best calculated to insure tranquility in the East. I have not been unmindful, during the few months which have elapsed since I last addressed you, of the considerations which I have stated would guide me in the conduct of the naval demonstration of my Indian empire. Measures have already been taken for the complete military evacuation of northern Afghanistan, and some progress has been made toward the pacification and settlement of the country. The renewal of hostilities by the Afghans, under Ayub Khan, has rendered necessary further military operations in southern Afghanistan.

The prompt measures taken by the Government of India for the relief of the famine in that country, the conspicuous ability and energy displayed by my officers and troops in the execution of those measures, resulting in the brilliant victory recently gained by the gallant force under the command of Sir F. Roberts, will I trust, speedily bring about an honorable termination to the war in that division of the country.

I regret it has hitherto been impossible to give you such information on the general state of the Indian finances, and the recent mismanagement in the accounts of military expenditure, as you would justly require before entering on a practical consideration of the subject. You may, however, rest assured I shall endeavor to supply you with that information at the earliest period in my power. No advance has recently been made in the project of the South African confederation; nor could any advantage arise from the endeavor to bring about a union of the two Republics in proportion to the favorable movement of public opinion in that portion of the Empire. The general state of affairs in South Africa, however, is on the whole satisfactory, except in Basutoland, where I trust most judicious and prompt policy may allay the agitation caused by the enforcement of the disarmament act.

GENTLEMEN OF THE HOUSE OF COMMONS:—I tender you my thanks for the liberal provision which you have made to meet my wishes in regard to the extension of the session, and I acknowledge with thankfulness to the Almighty the happy continuance during several weeks of fine weather for securing the harvest which gives in many places reasonable promise of abundance. I am enabled to anticipate the further revival of trade and some addition to the revenue of the country for you, and I dwell with especial pleasure upon the probable improvement in the condition of the people of Ireland who have so generally suffered from the previous failure of the crops.

I rejoice also to observe that notwithstanding the lateness of the period at which you began your labors, your indefatigable zeal and patience have enabled you to add to the substantial business of the session, and particularly to your settlement of the long contested questions relating to the subject of burials, to the education act, and the act for better determining the liability of employers, and to three I would add the act relating to ground game, the repeal of the malt duty and savings' bank act, and postoffice money order act, and measures for bettering the condition of the merchant seamen and providing for the safe carriage of grain cargoes. I trust these measures, under Divine Providence, contribute to the welfare and prosperity of my people.

During the ceremony of prorogation, members of the House of Commons about sixty were present, including Premier Gladstone, the members of the House of Commons, only one Liberal and two Conservative Peers were present, together with about thirty-five ladies, none of whom were peeresses. The north gallery of the House was filled with spectators.

The ceremony of prorogation lasted 17 minutes. Parliament was prorogued until the 24th of November.

THE CELESTIAL EMPIRE.

Moody in Trouble—Rice Stolen by Pirates—Earthquakes—The Troubles with Russia.

HONG KONG, August 11.—Mr. Moody, U. S. Consul at Hong Kong, was charged, on the 30th of July, with committing an assault with a spear on an American seaman. After hearing the evidence the magistrate cautioned Moody and dismissed the summons.

The Annames, a steam gun vessel loaded with thirty thousand piculs of government rice, was captured by Chinese pirates in the Gulf of Tonquin.

Slight shocks of an earthquake are still felt at intervals in Manila, but business is being resumed. The destruction of property in the city is estimated at \$4,000,000.